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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Communication from a Foreign Patent Office.

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a Foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the error in the PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form filed April 22, 2002 (copy attached). The inventor of the second U.S. Patent is incorrect and the number correct number is 3,723,306. Applicants respectfully request this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be accepted and correct the records as follows:

Delete "U.S. Patent No. 3,732,306 inventor Gutman et al." and insert therefore --U. S. Patent No. 3,723,306-- inventor Bridgeford--. Applicant has attached a revised PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form listing the correct patent number and inventor.

One copy of the patent is submitted herewith.

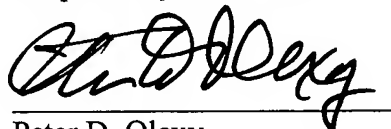
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